

Torrance, California
August 26, 1947

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, August 26, 1947, at 7:43 p.m.

In the absence of Mayor Sherfey, Councilman Gilbert moved that Councilman Tolson be appointed Mayor Pro-tem. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro-tem Tolson called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Gilbert, Jackson and Tolson. Absent: Councilmen: Powell and Sherfey.

All those present in the Council Chamber saluted the Flag.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the Minutes of a Regular Meeting held August 12, 1947; the Minutes of an Adjourned Regular Meeting held August 19, 1947; and the Minutes of an Adjourned Regular Meeting held August 20, 1947, be approved as written. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from H. Wesley Roloff, Acting Chairman of the Church Federation Released-Time Committee, requesting the use of the Fern Avenue Recreation Building by a group of Torrance churches for the purpose of conducting classes in religious education for one school hour each week. The cost for heating and lighting, when such is needed, will be paid for by the Federation group at the rate of \$10.00 per school term.

Councilman Gilbert moved that this communication be filed for future reference. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Torrance Post No. 3251, Veterans of Foreign Wars, signed by W. P. Walker, Post Adjutant, requesting that a meeting be arranged between the Post and the City Council for discussion of the rental charges for the use of the Auditorium for their Friday night dances.

Councilman Jackson moved that the City Clerk be instructed to arrange such a meeting at a time convenient to both parties. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Torrance City School District, signed by J. Henrich Hull, Superintendent, expressing appreciation for the City's cooperation with regard to the bungalows to be used at the Perry School site for temporary housing. Matter of record.

A communication was read from the Torrance City School District, signed by Emmett W. Ingram, Assistant Superintendent, with reference to the "Assignment of Lease" which effects a transfer of the lease agreement between the City of Torrance and the Los Angeles City School District to the Torrance City School District. A copy of the "Assignment of Lease" was enclosed. Matter of record.

A telegram was read from Harry Jung, International Representative, United Public Workers of America-C.I.O., protesting the Council's action denying opportunity for wage increases for City employees, and suggesting a special meeting with the Council and the Union.

Councilman Gilbert moved that this communication be filed for future reference. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from J. H. Stroh, Chief of the Police Department, advising that the boulevard stop signs at the intersection of Crenshaw and Torrance Boulevards are being replaced with Scotchlite signs, in response to requests of motorists for more adequate lighting. Matter of record.

A communication was read from J. H. Stroh, Chief of the Police Department, submitting the proposed schedule of rates to be charged by the City Taxi Company with its newly installed taxi-meters, and recommending that these rates be approved by the Council.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the recommendation of the Chief of Police be concurred in. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

The proposed schedule of rates to be charged by the Yellow Cab Company was presented by Clerk Bartlett for the Council's approval.

Councilman Gilbert moved that this schedule be referred to the Chief of Police for recommendation to the Council at a later meeting. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from J. H. Stroh, Chief of the Police Department, recommending that Mr. Harry A. Williams be granted a license to operate a used car lot in Torrance.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the recommendation of the Chief of Police be concurred in. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Engineering Offices of Taylor and Taylor, 725 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, signed by Arthur Taylor, submitting revised plans and specifications of the Second Phase installation of pipe lines in Municipal Water District No. 2 in North Torrance for approval by the Council; and recommending that the City Clerk be authorized to advertise for bids.

Councilman Jackson moved that the plans and specifications be approved as submitted and that the City Clerk be authorized to advertise for bids in accordance with Mr. Taylor's instructions. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell and Sherfey.

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A communication was read from Harold A. Barnett, Civil Engineer, Pasadena, submitting a report on the proposed improvement of Carson Street and certain other streets in the Vista Highland Improvement District.

Councilman Gilbert moved that the City Council accept and file Mr. Barnett's report as presented. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Jackson moved that the Council authorize the employment of A. H. Blakee as a temporary Construction Inspector at a starting salary of \$285.00 per month. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell and Sherfey.

Councilman Jackson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$325.00, plus tax, be made for road oil for constructing a road mix surfacing on Eshelman Avenue, between 237th Street and 238th Street. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell and Sherfey.

Councilman Jackson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$450.00, plus tax, be made for road oil for constructing a road mix surfacing on Bow Avenue, between Torrance Boulevard and 213th Street. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell and Sherfey.

Councilman Jackson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$875.00, plus tax, be made for road oil for constructing a road mix surfacing on Bailey Drive and Hickman Drive, between 182nd Street and Prairie Avenue. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell and Sherfey.

Councilman Jackson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$400.00, plus tax, be made for road oil for constructing a road mix surfacing on Gramercy Avenue, between Santa Fe and Sepulveda Boulevard. Councilman Gilbert seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell and Sherfey.

Councilman Jackson advised that the foregoing appropriations will cover materials needed to complete those projects which were started early last spring, and will represent approximately \$2,000 out of the \$5,000 budget allowance for the 1947-48 fiscal year.

Councilman Gilbert moved that Paragraph A of Section 1 of the Agreement between E. Y. Tarkington and the City of Torrance be amended to read as follows:

Second Party agrees to pay First Party, as and for such services, a sum equal to Seventy-five percent (75%) of the gross income received from this said property, during the life of this Agreement, excluding gasoline and oil sales;

and that the effective date of this Agreement also be amended to read as of August 4, 1947. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson, and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell and Sherfey.

Councilman Gilbert explained, in connection with the foregoing motion, that Mr. Tarkington is to pay all expenses, including labor, from the 75%.

Councilman Tolson moved that an appropriation of \$2,443.06 be made for the first anniversary premium payment on Comprehensive Liability Insurance. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell and Sherfey.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilman Gilbert moved that Mr. Roy Thompson be granted four days' sick leave pay by the Street Department. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell and Sherfey.

With regard to the street light at Via Monte D'Oro in Hollywood Riviera, City Engineer Jain reported that he has written an inquiry to the Edison Company but has not received a reply as yet.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. E. Snyder, 2757 Gramercy Avenue, asked the Council for information as to when the improvement of Gramercy Avenue will take place.

City Engineer Jain answered Mr. Snyder's inquiry by stating that the job will be done sometime during the next three or four months, but that streets in more urgent need of repair will have to be taken care of first.

Mr. Leroy Johnston, 2760 Gramercy Avenue, asked if there would be any change in the grading of Gramercy when the resurfacing is done.

City Engineer Jain stated that portions of the street will remain the same and others will be lower.

Mr. Ray Staver, who is building a home at 2740 Gramercy Avenue, inquired as to what possibility there might be for running a sewer line through that district to connect with the Kettler Knolls new sewer.

City Engineer Jain replied that it will be several months before the Kettler sewer is in operation, at which time the matter might be considered.

Councilman Gilbert moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert, Jackson and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Powell and Sherfey.

At 8:08 p.m., upon motion by Councilman Gilbert, seconded by Councilman Jackson and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, September 2, 1947, at 7:45 p.m.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

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